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CHILE: The government has cracked down swiftly on a widespread truckers' strike and may use the challenge to extend its economic control. A state of emergency has been declared, putting the army in charge of the economically vital central area where road blockades set up by the strikers had aggravated already sensitive distribution problems. The Allende administration averted an earlier strike threat by making some concessions, but its response to the new strike includes threats of fines and confiscation of trucks. Several labor and business groups intend to strike in sympathy today. If the government calls out the security forces as it did against the shopowners' shutdown in August, the present tensions could result in violence. Army commander in chief General Prats [redacted] is viewing the situation with concern. [redacted]

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